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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 00-1156)

In re Application of:

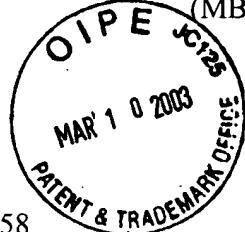
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Serial No.: 09/674,258

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For: Suturing Means for Connecting a
Tubular Vascular Prosthesis to a Blood
Vessel in the Body in Addition to
Branch Means, a Vascular Prosthesis, a
Device for Inserting and Suturing a
Vascular Prosthesis in the Body, and a
Vascular Prosthesis System

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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 - a. Transmittal Letter, in duplicate;
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 - c. Petition for three month extension of time; and
 - d. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
 A. No additional fee is required.
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